

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF DECEMBER 18th, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, December 18th, 1935.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director attended the meeting.

The Governor stated that he wanted to discuss with the members of the Board, the situation with reference to the work on the Executive Mansion at Annapolis. It was stated that all the funds available for the work had been exhausted with the exception of the amount in the Governor's 1936 Budget for Mansion Repairs and Alterations, and that apparently it would take a good deal more money to complete the work. Mr. Friz the Architect and Mr. Price the Contractor were called into the meeting and both these gentlemen after discussing the subject very thoroughly were asked to present to the Governor as promptly as possible statements showing the amount they figured would be necessary to complete this building ready for occupancy. The Governor stated that after receipt of the information from the Architect and the Contractor he would issue a statement.

State Treasurer

Mr. Miles reported that there had been purchased for the investment fund of the State Accident Fund \$100,000 U. S. Treasury, 2 3/4 % certificates, 1947-1945 at 100.16/32, or \$100,500.00, plus accrued interest of \$710.42---\$50,000.00 Federal Farm Mortgage bonds, 3%, 1949-1944, at 100.29/32, or \$50,453.13, plus accrued interest of \$141.67---\$50,000.00 Home Owners' Loan Corporation, 2 3/4 %, 1949-1939, at 99.15/32, or \$49,734.38, plus accrued interest of \$527.08, making a total, including accrued interest of \$1,379.17, of \$202,066.68.

The Board took up the question of the sale of the Northern Central Railway Annuity. After discussing this matter thoroughly, and deciding the present time was very opportune for the sale of this investment, the Secretary was instructed to confer with the Attorney General and to have the latter official prepare a resolution for the Board, covering the Board's action in deciding to sell this investment, and to arrange for the necessary advertising for proposals, etc.

It was agreed that bids would be opened on January 22nd, 1936, in the Office of the State Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, and that proposals should be accompanied by certified checks for 5% of the amounts of the bids. It was also agreed that the bids should be sealed bids, and that the Board should reserve the right to reject any and all bids. It was also agreed that advertisements for proposals for the Annuity should be advertised in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News and Post twice a week for four successive weeks, and that insertions of the advertisement should appear in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. It was also agreed that the advertisement for proposals should contain the information that the money to be received by the State from the sale of the Annuity should be put in a fund for the redemption of outstanding obligations of the State.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the following resolution was adopted -

ON MOTION, duly seconded the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with Chapter 106 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1935, and in the exercise of its discretion, the Board of Public Works of Maryland call for sealed bids and sell to the highest bidder for cash and transfer to the purchaser or purchasers thereof the annuity of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) created by virtue or in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 260 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1854, which said annuity is dated January 27th, 1855 and payable by the Northern Central Railway Company to the State of Maryland. The manner of proceeding shall be as follows:

The said bids must be delivered to the Treasurer of the State at his office in Annapolis, Maryland before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1936. Each bid must be for cash on the date of transfer and shall obligate the bidder to pay in addition to the price bid, the amounts of such quarterly payments as may then be due and unpaid, and interest thereon, and the proportionate part of the accruing quarterly payment, calculated to the day of such transfer, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed on the outside "Bid for the Northern Central Railway Company Annuity". Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per cent. of the bid. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1936, in the presence of the Board of Public Works.

On the opening of said bids, said annuity may be awarded by the said Board to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash, and said Board reserved the right in its discretion to reject all bids or any bids.

Said Board shall reject any and all bids for any smaller or less sum of money than a sum equal to the capitalization of said annuity at the rate of 4 per centum, together with the amounts of such quarterly payments as may be due and unpaid, and interest thereon, and the proportionate part of the accruing quarterly payment, calculated to the date of transfer.

The Board of Public Works shall cause advertisements calling for bids to be published in two newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, in the editions appearing on December 27th, 28th and 30th, 1935 and January 3, 6, 10, 13 and 17, 1936, that the Board will be in readiness to receive bids for said annuity at the time and place above mentioned.

The Board of Public Works shall execute such instruments as may be requisite or necessary to transfer to the purchaser or purchasers, its or their successor, successors or assigns (if such purchaser or purchasers be a body corporate or bodies corporate) or his, her or their executors, administrators or assigns (if such purchaser or purchasers be a natural person or persons all and every, the rights, incidents, interest and estate now held or owned by the State of Maryland in said annuity and in the mortgage security thereof, and shall deliver the same upon receipt of the amount of the accepted bid, together with the amounts of such quarterly payments as may then be due and unpaid, and interest thereon, and the proportionate part of the accruing quarterly payment, calculated to the date of transfer.

If the successful bidder shall fail or neglect to make payment as aforesaid within sixty days from January 22nd, 1936, the Board of Public Works may, in its discretion, terminate the contract arising out of its acceptance of said bid, and in that event said bidder shall forfeit all rights under said contract and all rights to the deposit of five per centum accompanying said bid.

The Treasurer of the State shall credit all money received from the sale of said annuity to the annuity bond account and apply the same to the payment of the State debt, and to no other purpose whatever.

The following letter from the University of Maryland, College Park, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
College Park

December 5th, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

According to our records we have balances in several building accounts as listed below:

| | | | |
|------|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1929 | Horticultural Building | \$40.51 | |
| 1929 | Add. to Engineering Building | 471.61 | |
| 1931 | Central Heating Plant | 650.00 | |
| 1931 | Improvement Men's Recreat. Field | 11.72 | |
| 1931 | Equip. Landscaping & Walks | 77.51 | 1,251.35 |

It will be very much appreciated if you will transfer the above balances to the following accounts:

| | | | |
|------|---|-----------------|----------|
| 1931 | Dormitory for Women "B" | 181.70 | |
| 1935 | Equipment, Roads, Walks, and Campus Improvements | <u>1,069.65</u> | 1,251.35 |

Yours very truly,

/s/H. T. Casbarian, Comptroller.

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copy to Mr. Byrd.

The Board approved the request of the University of Maryland for transfers of balances as outlined in their letter.

The following letter from Rosewood State Training School was read and considered -

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

December 4, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Authority is requested to charge from your books the following list of patients' accounts which are uncollectible, and upon which we have been unable to obtain any payments for sometime.

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Anna Kinnear | \$435.00 |
| Frank Beck | 506.41 |
| Walter Richardson | 18.00 |
| Frances L. Shives | <u>325.00</u> |
| | \$1,284.41 |

The above list of accounts has been submitted to our Board, and it has approved same for submission to your Board.

Very truly yours,

/s/ K. B. Jones, M.D.
Superintendent.

The Board approved the request of the School that the amounts enumerated be written off as undollectible.

The following letter from Hon. Howard W. Jackson, Mayor of Baltimore, was read and considered -

CITY OF BALTIMORE

December 10th, 1935.

Honorable Harry W. Nice, Governor,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Nice:

I am enclosing herewith report submitted to me today by Herbert Fallin, Budget Director of Baltimore City. In this you will note he calls attention to the fact that the State proposes to charge against the City's portion of motor vehicle licenses \$57,636.96 for the State Bond Annuity Account.

When the State changed its plan for servicing the State Highway Bonds, the City was assured that complete and unconditional restitution would be made in the Supplemental Budget of all monies deducted in the original budget. Of course, if the present plan of the State is followed, Baltimore will not get its full share of these revenues.

I am bringing this to your attention in order that this injustice may be corrected. If, however, it is a matter which concerns the Board of Public Works, I will appreciate it if you will bring the same to its attention.

Awaiting your advice, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ Howard W. Jackson,
Mayor.

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After discussion of the matter the members of the Board concluded that it would not be possible to take care of the request made by Mayor Jackson because of the fact that there were no moneys available to effect complete restoration of moneys deducted in the original budget for the fiscal year 1936. The secretary was requested to advise Mayor Jackson accordingly.

The following letter from Senator Joseph L. Donovan of Howard County, was read and considered -

SENATE OF MARYLAND

Annapolis, Md.

Ellicott City, Md.
December 7, 1935.

Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr.,
Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

Joshua W. Baxley, who was the Superintendent of county roads in Howard County when the county roads were taken over by the State Roads Commission, and occupied that position until the administration of Governor Nice began. Shortly thereafter, he was notified that his services were no longer required and this order was later rescinded. Shortly thereafter another attempt was made by the State Roads Commission to remove Mr. Baxley, and when this was objected to he was again put back to work and Mr. Tabler told me recently that there would be no more attempts to disturb him in his work and he could expect to remain there indefinitely.

There is some back pay due Mr. Baxley, to which he is fairly and justly entitled and for which he has made claim, and he has been advised by Mr. Fleming Lankford that these several claims had been ~~been~~keyed by him and sent in to the State Roads Commission for payment. Now he has been advised that payment has been withheld by the Board of Public Works; and I am writing to ask if you wont be good enough to take this matter up at the next meeting of the Board and see if you can't give him the money due him. Mr. Baxley is honestly entitled to every dollar and I think it

should not be delayed in its payment. With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joseph L. Donovan.

JLD:hc

The Governor requested that the letter be referred to Doctor Homer Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, for settlement.

The following letter from Mr. Frank C. Robey, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of Baltimore City was read and considered -

CLERKS OFFICE
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
BALTIMORE MD.

December 7, 1935.

Mr. William S. Gordy, Jr.,
State Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

During the May sale season this office received counterfeit money in payment of various licenses amounting to fifty dollars. Several deposits to the bank, in which the bad money was included, have been reimbursed from our Petty Cash fund and at the present time we are carrying receipts given us for the counterfeit money as cash.

I respectfully submit it is my impression that my clerks cannot be held responsible for this amount, due to the excessive cash they handle during the rush period, and also with the knowledge this bogus cash was detected by a Government official at the bank who gave every bill individual attention. I am sure you can readily appreciate such activity on our part is practically impossible.

May I suggest that you give us authority to take

credit for this amount (\$50.00) on a subsequent monthly report.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of this and past favors, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ Frank C. Robey.
Clerk

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The Board approved the request of Mr. Robey that he reimburse himself for the counterfeit money out of subsequent receipts of his office.

The Budget Director and the Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the requirement of an Act of 1935 that the Treasurer of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls at Glen Burnie furnish a bond in the penalty of \$10,000.00. It was stated that the Treasurer handled practically no money, and the penalty of the bond was excessive, and the payment of the premium on a bond of that penalty would be rather expensive to the School.

It was suggested that a bond in the penalty of \$1,000, which it is expected could be secured for a premium of \$5.00, would adequately cover the situation.

The Board approved the securing of a bond in the penalty of \$1,000.00.

The following letter from Mr. C. E. Clough, Commercial Superintendent of The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, was read and considered -

THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BALTIMORE MARYLAND

December 17, 1935.

Board of Public Works
1003 Union Trust Building
Baltimore, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,
Comptroller.

Gentlemen:-

The present arrangement of listings in the telephone directory for State Departments and Commissions is not, in our opinion, as desirable as it might be. Some listings appear on Page 252 under the caption "Maryland, State of - " while others appear on Page 372 in their regular alphabetical sequence in the "S" section of the directory. This division of listings leads to confusion and makes it difficult for the calling public to readily secure the number of the desired State department.

It is our recommendation that all State directory listings be segregated under the caption "Maryland, - State of - " with a cross reference listing under the "S's, such as "State of Maryland Departments - See Maryland, State of -". This form of listing has been followed in Washington as well as in Maryland by the United States Government and our best experience is that such an arrangement will greatly facilitate a more ready reference to State listings by the calling public.

We would appreciate it very much if you will, at your next meeting, give this suggestion your consideration. If it meets with your approval we would then like to discuss with you the mechanics of rearranging all listings affected prior to the closing date of our next directory issue.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. E. Clough,
Commercial Superintendent.

The Board approved the suggestion made by Mr. Clough in his letter, and instructed the Secretary to write him accordingly, and request that he arrange listings in the telephone directory of State Departments and Commissions in accordance with his recommendations.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board an open account in the amount of \$144.50 covering the maintenance

of a girl in the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls at Glen Burnie where it was difficult to determine whether this charge should be against Calvert County or against Baltimore City, and suggested it would be desirable for the Board to authorize the writing off of this account as uncollectible rather than to enter into any litigation with either Calvert County or Baltimore City in an attempt to collect the amount.

The Board approved the suggestion of the Comptroller and authorized the writing off of the account.

The following letter from Rosewood State Training School was read and considered -

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

Owings Mills, Md.

December 13, 1935.

Board of Public Works,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

In the distribution of the contingent fund, your honorable Board allotted to the Rosewood State Training School the sum of \$65,000 for additions to and alterations of the power house and power plant.

To augment this amount and save some of this money that was allotted to this institution for the state, a request was made to the Federal Public Works Administration for a grant of Federal funds to help carry on this work.

We submitted one request which was passed by the local P. W. A. Office but was rejected in Washington. The set up was revised and resubmitted about September 1. This request was also approved by the Board Office of the P. W. A. but held up by the Washington Office.

Despite the fact that we have communicated with the Federal Office and with Senator Radcliffe neither could give us any hope that we would receive a grant. In fact, from all information that we can get, there seems no ground for hope that Federal funds will be granted us.

This being the case and because of the fact that we are urgently in need of these additions and alterations to the power house, we respectfully request your approval to proceed to execute

above changes with the sum granted us by your Board.

Very truly yours,

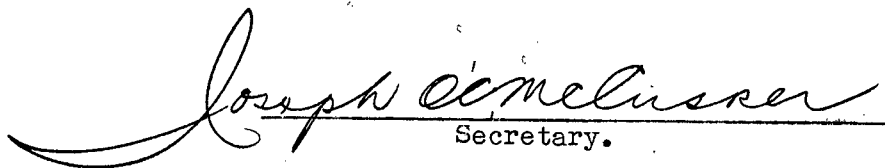
/s/ K. B. Jones, M.D.

Superintendent.

KBJ:LMS

The Governor stated that he would like to have Mr. Elmer Hammond, State Engineer, make a survey of the power house and equipment at Rosewood State Training School before acting on the request of the School. It was agreed to defer any further action in the matter until a report could be received from Mr. Hammond on the subject.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.